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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 and 21-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19, 21-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is issued in response to applicant amendment filed 5/7/08, 2005 claiming the priority of PCT JP03/11592 filed Sep. 10, 2003.

Claims 16-19, 21-26, were amended. Claim 1-15, 20, , and 27-30 were canceled. No Claims were added.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment filed 5/7/08 overcomes the 112 rejection and the claims objection, therefore the claims objection and the 112 rejection have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tamatsu US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0074600 filed Apr. 11, 2001 claimed the priority of PCT JP01/03126 filed Apr. 12, 2000.

Regarding Claims 16, and 29, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system, comprising:

- data records for holding data entries, each data record contain a primary key (Paragraph 0118, lines 4-8, wherein the 'T log' corresponds to the primary key, Tamatsu);

- primary blocks for storing data records in the order of the primary keys thereof (Paragraph 118, lines 8-11, Tamatsu);

- overflow blocks linked to the primary blocks (Paragraph 129, lines 1-5, Tamatsu);

- a current location table and a new location table for containing in contiguous regions entries describing the addresses of the primary blocks (Paragraph 124, Tamatsu);

- a current location table reorganization pointer that indicates through which entry in the current location tables reorganization has completed (Paragraphs 126, and 134, Tamatsu);

- a new location table reorganization pointer that indicates through which entry in the new location table reorganization has completed (Paragraphs 127, and 135, Tamatsu); and

- a current location table final pointer that indicates the final position used by that location table (Paragraph 51, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 17, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system wherein the database recognition system is configured to sequentially write entries in the current location table to the new location table (Paragraph 130, lines 1-5, Tamatsu) and, where any overflow block is present, to delink said overflow blocks, creating new entries corresponding to the primary blocks and adding the new entries to the new location table (Paragraph 130, lines 5-10, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 18, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system further comprising:

a first means for, upon receipt of a database reorganization command, creating a new location table in addition to the current location table (Paragraph 130, lines 5-7, Tamatsu); and

a second means for sequentially writing entries in the current location table to the new location table and, when an overflow blocks linked to a primary block is detected, delinking that overflow blocks, adding new entries to the new location table, and rendering the overflow blocks as new primary blocks (Paragraph 133, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 19, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system further comprising:

shifting before and after records in primary blocks and eliminating fragmentation when a storage rate in primary blocks falls outside a range of predetermined values (Paragraph 131, lines 1-7, Tamatsu); and

sequentially writing entries in the current location table to the new location table (Paragraph 131, lines 7-13, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 21, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system further comprising:

when retrieving a record with the primary key during reorganization, evaluating whether the target primary key with the value is greater or less than the primary key of the record contained in the primary block and the overflow blocks that the reorganization pointers is pointing to (Paragraph 135, lines 1-9, Tamatsu); and

when the target key is evaluated to be greater than or equal to the primary key of the record stored in the block that the reorganization pointer is pointing to, using the current location table to retrieve the target record (Paragraphs 129, and 135, lines 9-17, Tamatsu); and

when the target primary key is evaluated to be less than that primary key, using the new location table to retrieve the target record (Paragraph 130, Tamatsu).

Regarding claim 22, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system, comprising:

data records for holding data containing primary keys and alternate keys (Paragraph 130, lines 1-7, Tamatsu);

alternate-key entries that hold data entries, each alternate-key entry comprises an alternate key and a primary key (Paragraph 130, lines 7-9, Tamatsu);

alternate-key blocks for containing the alternate-key entries (Paragraph 130, lines 16-22, Tamatsu);

alternate-key overflow blocks linked to the alternate-key blocks (Paragraph 129, lines 1-5, Tamatsu);

a current alternate-key location table and new alternate-key location tables for containing alternate-key location table entries in contiguous regions (Paragraph 124, Tamatsu);

a current alternative key location table reorganization pointer for current alternate-key location table which indicates a progress of recognition of the alternate-key location table and alternate-key blocks for the current alternate-key location tables (Paragraphs 126, and 127, Tamatsu);

an alternative key final pointer that is provided to the current alternative key location table to indicate the final position used by the alternative key location table (Paragraphs 124, and 127, Tamatsu); and

Regarding Claim 23, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system comprising the steps of:

sequentially writing entries in current alternate-key location tables to a new alternate-key location table and, where an alternate-key overflow blocks exists, delinking the alternate-key overflow blocks, creating new alternate-key location table entries corresponding to the alternate-key blocks and adding new alternate-key location table entries to a new alternate-key location table (Fig. 4A, Paragraph 133, lines 12-17, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 24, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system further comprising:

upon receipt of a database reorganization command, creating a new alternate-key location table in addition to the current alternate-key location table (Paragraph 130, lines 1-5, Tamatsu); and

sequentially writing entries in the current alternate-key location table to the new alternate-key location table and, when alternate-key overflow block linked to alternate-key block is detected, delinking that alternate-key overflow block, adding new alternate-key location table entries to new alternate-key location table and rendering these as new alternate-key blocks (Paragraph 133, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 25, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization system further comprising the steps of:

shifting before and after records in the alternate-key blocks and eliminating fragmentation when the storage rate in the alternate-key blocks falls outside a range of the specified values (Paragraph 131, lines 1-7, Tamatsu); and

sequentially writing entries in the current alternate-key location table to new alternate-key location table (Paragraph 131, lines 7-13, Tamatsu).

Regarding Claim 26, Tamatsu discloses a database reorganization systems further comprising the steps of:

when retrieving a record with the alternate key during reorganization, evaluating whether the target alternate key value is greater or less than the alternate key of the entry contained in the alternate-key block that indicated by at least one of said reorganization pointer is pointing(Paragraph 135, lines 1-9, Tamatsu); and

using the current alternate-key location table to retrieve the target entry when the target alternate key is evaluated by the comparative means to be greater than or equal to the alternate key of the entry stored in the alternate-key blocks of that the reorganization pointer is pointing, using the new alternate-key location table to retrieve the target entry when the target alternative key is evaluated to be less than the value of that alternate key (Paragraph 135, lines 9-17, Tamatsu).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/7/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues the applied art is directed to a different invention.

Examiner disagrees. The applied art discloses all the limitations claimed in the instant application.

Applicant argues the applied art fails to disclose the newly amended limitations.

Examiner disagrees. The rejection above addresses the claims including the newly amended limitations.

Conclusion

1. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Point of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sana Al-Hashemi whose telephone number is 571-272-4013. The examiner can normally be reached on 8Am-4:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pierre Vital can be reached on 571-272-4215. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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